



Education Sector PROJECT PROFILE

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The USAID-funded CMP project positions public schools as a resource for the entire community by uniting communities with their schools and empowering them to work together.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Implemented by: International Relief & Development (IRD)

Duration: 2008 – 2013

Total Funding: \$2.8 million

Beneficiaries: School children and communities around 67 schools being renovated or newly constructed by USAID

Geographic Coverage: Nationwide

<http://www.ird.org>

Community Mobilization for Partnership in Schools

BACKGROUND

Until recently, Jordan had no tradition of formalized parental or community involvement in the public schools. The potential contributions of the community to education and of the schools as community resources have been underutilized. Under pressure from overcrowding and limited resources, public schools in many neighborhoods have suffered neglect and vandalism.

The Community Mobilization for Partnership in Schools Project (CMP) aims to develop dynamic community-school partnerships that promote shared responsibility for education and innovative, sustainable use of school spaces by teachers, parents, students, the private sector and the larger community.

The CMP Project targets a total of 67 schools renovated or newly constructed under the USAID-funded Jordan School Construction and Rehabilitation Program.

ACTIVITIES

- Supporting existing Community Parent School Committees (CPSCs) and forming new and sustainable CPSCs to support school improvement efforts
- Strengthening community-school support connections offering life-long learning opportunities and extracurricular projects within schools
- Increasing community awareness, responsibility and advocacy for participation in education
- Promoting institutionalization of the CPSCs within the Ministry of Education

PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Formed 41 Community Parent School Coalitions (CPSCs) that developed school improvement plans and conducted extracurricular programs in their schools; supported the formation of 9 more CPSCs in neighboring schools
- Registered 50 CPSCs at the General Education Department under the Ministry of Education as a first step towards the institutionalization of CPSCs under the Ministry



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FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



Students at Ibn Hisham Basic School for Boys in Russaifa proudly work in teams to make their school a cleaner and more pleasant place for all.



Students and parents meet to create a wish list for their community school at Arwa Bint Abd Al-Motaleb Secondary School for Girls in Prince Hassan Area in Amman.

- Hosted two annual conferences that brought together 182 participants from 41 schools to network and exchange ideas and provide additional support to the CPSCs
- Established summer camps in 26 CMP schools; 180 parents, teachers and students were trained to run the camps
- Increased school access to the community by offering computer literacy and English classes and opening up the school libraries for community use
- Partnered with Scholastic Inc., a publisher that has donated over 18,000 Arabic books to CMP school libraries
- Encouraged both cash and in-kind community contributions to the schools to implement school improvement activities; raised an average of JD 1,000 (almost \$1,400) per school
- Supported 41 schools to produce their own newsletters to encourage further involvement in their school; some have engaged in a series of radio programs

PARTNERS

- International Relief & Development
- Ministry of Education
- Camp, Dresser & McKee
- UNICEF
- Local communities surrounding 67 schools across Jordan

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